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AGENDA

Thursday, July 27, 2006

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RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****ITEM No. 26**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for renewal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$83,966 for the 2006 City of Austin DNA Capacity Grant, which will be used for the purchase of equipment for DNA analysis.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice for the grant period of October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2007. A match is not required.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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For More Information: Acting Chief Cathy Ellison/974-5035

Prior Council Action: May 25, 2006, by Resolution No. 20060525-051

This action authorizes the City to apply for \$83,966 in grant renewal funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice. The grant period runs from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. No match is required. The total project cost is \$83,966.

Funding will be used to support the purchase of a BioRobot workstation, software protocol packages and necessary accessory items for the DNA Section. The addition of this equipment will allow for a cleaner, more efficient extraction process in the analysis of evidence collected from crime scenes. The workstation will decrease the turnaround time on the processing of DNA samples and will decrease the chance of contamination due to sample carry over or sample switching.

This grant addresses the Police Department goal of improving efficiency and effectiveness in order to provide information for daily operations, analysis and strategic planning, and to increase the likelihood of the successful prosecution of criminals. It also addresses the Forensic Science Service activity of providing the timely and accurate forensic science and operational support to APD, local law enforcement and judicial agencies so they can successfully resolve investigations.

RESOLUTION NO. 20060727-

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Austin to authorize the application for \$83,966 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, for the 2006 City of Austin DNA Capacity Grant, which will be used for the purchase of equipment for DNA analysis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the proposed application for grant funds for said project, in the amount of \$83,966 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, for the 2006 City of Austin DNA Capacity Grant, which will be used for the purchase of equipment for DNA analysis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council designates the Assistant City Manager for Public Safety as the authorized official who has the power to apply for, accept, reject, agree to alter or terminate this grant; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has agreed that in the event of loss or misuse of the U.S. Department of Justice funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the U.S. Department of Justice, in full; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council approves the application for grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice in the amount of \$83,966.

ADOPTED: July 27, 2006

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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